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Dale and Cheryl Moore take advantage of tax-wise strategies

In reviewing both their estate plans and life plans after Dale's retirement from Shive Hattery last year, Cheryl and Dale Moore made the decision to support St. Paul's future ministries by designating a portion of their IRA to St. Paul's Foundation. When the gift comes to the Foundation, it will be added to the undesignated portion of the endowment. "We have faith," says Dale, " that the future leadership of St. Paul's will use the funds for what is best for the church at that time, much the way that the current leadership in Church Council makes good use of the current undesignated endowment funds."

Dale and Cheryl are in good positions to know how the St. Paul's endowment benefits the church. They have been members of St. Paul's since 1981 and both attend the Compass Sunday School class. In addition, Dale sits on the Board of Directors of the Foundation and is chairman of the Church Building Committee. Cheryl has been involved in the life of the Church as a member of Deborah Circle and has been a regular on the Holiday Fair team.

When a couple or an individual wishes to make a charitable gift at death from their assets, making the election to do this from an IRA is a tax-wise strategy often recommended by tax advisors. Individuals did not pay income tax on funds going into an IRA, so these funds owe income tax going out, which is paid by the individual beneficiaries who receive them at the death of the IRA owner. Since a charity does not pay income tax, no income tax is owed. Employing this strategy is one way to ensure that heirs receive as much tax free inheritance as the law allows.

If you would like to explore other tax-wise giving strategies, contact your professional advisor.

Dale and Cheryl Moore have made some tax-wise plans that include St. Paul's Foundation.

Mission Statement
Foster a vibrant spirit of Christian Stewardship and generosity to create a perpetual source of earnings, which strengthens the financial capabilities of St. Paul's UMC and assists the church in fulfilling its stated mission "To know and follow Christ and to help others know and follow Christ."

A few tips for planning your estate

By Connie Richardson, Executive Director

Connie Richardson

Often in this column I will close by asking you to contact me or Clarence Burton if you have any questions about the Foundation. Though Clarence and I are always ready to answer your questions, another very good place to start is by consulting one or more of your professional advisors. Sometimes an advisor will ask you about charitable giving, but often an advisor will take the lead from your questions.

Of course, to take advantage of professional advice about tax wise ways to give, people must first be interested in making charitable gifts. They must be charitably inclined. Charitable inclination is merely a starting place, though, and all a person's or couple's major charities, as well as their heirs, must be discussed and woven into the plan. This does not need to be done all at once, and many plans evolve over time.

Once heirs and charities are identified, the plan must consider all the assets available. When meeting with your estate planning attorney, for example, have a written list of everything you own and your estimate of its value. The list should include:

Cash	Life Insurance owned by you or by others on your behalf
Savings	Commercial Annuities
Your home	Personal property (Cars, boats, collectibles, jewelry, artwork)
Second home	Promissory Notes
Vacation or other property	Business interests
Stocks and bonds	Retirement accounts (IRA, Roth-IRA, TIAA-CREF, SEP, 403(b), 401(k))

With lists of what you have to give and who and what you wish to give it to, good planning can begin.

As always, if you questions about the St. Paul's Foundation, please contact me at crichardson@stpaulsumc.org or Clarence Burton at clarence@stpaulsumc.org. We would be pleased to work with you

St. Paul's Partners with Mission of Hope, with help from Foundation Funds

Since May of 2014, St. Paul's Foundation funding has enabled a disciple team to partner with the Mission of Hope and provide 125 - 200 meals the third Tuesday of each month. Foundation funds are used to purchase the food that is served with the disciple team providing dessert for the diners. The meal participants may be homeless, poor, recently released from prison, or experiencing some other crisis in their lives. By collaborating with the Mission of Hope, St. Paul's is able to serve our neighbors, helping to restore their hope and to rebuild their lives.

In addition to serving a nutritious lunch, the disciple team works in the Mission of Hope food pantry and the emergency clothing closet. This part of the ministry allows an opportunity for one on one visits with those in need. St. Paul's disciples have been blessed and energized by these interactions.

This ministry at the Mission of Hope continues, thanks to the disciple team and the ongoing funding from St. Paul's Foundation administered through the Sending to Serve committee. It is a wonderful way to show Christ's love.

Fresh-baked cookies are offered after each worship service and meals at the shelter are hot and homemade.

Mission of Hope operates the food pantry so that no one in our community goes hungry.

One of the mission's core beliefs is giving people the best. Many of the people they serve have been given "the leftovers" all their lives. For this reason, Mission of Hope strives to offer nice (and often new) clothes in their emergency closet.

St. Paul's Foundation
2014 Annual Report

Dear Friends in Christ,

The St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Cedar Rapids Foundation is charged with the stewardship of gifts received through estates and planned undesignated or designated gifts. Unless the donor specifies otherwise, all gifts received are placed in endowed funds.

It is my privilege to present the St. Paul's United Methodist Church Foundation's annual report for fiscal year October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. Gifts in the total amount of $11,211 were received during the period. We are extremely thankful to add these gifts to those from many others who have entrusted the Foundation with their gifts, totaling $4,565,386 since its formation in June, 1975. Gifts this past year were received from the following:

Undesignated Gifts:
Susan Weber Estate   Howard & Shirley Hollingshead Estate   Wilma Shadle   Gary Speicher   Kevin Sanor

Designated Gifts:
Dannie & Darlin Keck – Church Operating Budget Fund   Grace Noonan – R. J. & Grace Noonan Scholarship Fund

The Foundation's portfolio had a market value of $6,254,085 on September 30th, approximately 6% of which is in several individual investments, most of which are not aggressively managed. The remaining 94% of the portfolio is invested through Wells Fargo Private Bank. The Foundation's Investment Committee meets with its Wells Fargo managers on a quarterly basis for portfolio review and their insight about the economy. Following is a history of the managed portfolio market values and performance for the previous five fiscal years ending September 30th.

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Market Value	$5,899,763	$5,627,569	$5,179,151	$4,429,962	$4,577,870
Rate of Return	7.87%	12.24%	18.95%	(0.86) %	9.30%
(Net of fees)					

The Foundation has established an agency fund with the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation, included in the total portfolio market value of $6,254,085. The GCRCF also holds the ***St. Paul's Friends Fund***, the ***Gary and Susan Speicher Fund for Youth,*** and the ***David and Sherri Justice Fund for Youth***. Donors to any of these endowed funds receive a 25% tax credit on their Iowa income taxes. Annual distributions by the GCRCF from these funds benefit the Church's ministries.

The Foundation's *sole* mission is to support the ministries of the Church. In fulfilling that mission, at its meeting on November 19th, the Foundation's Board approved a distribution to the Church, recommended by the Investment Committee, totaling $270,189. Details of the distribution will be provided in the next issue of *The Messenger*.

Funds from *last year's* distribution supported, entirely or in part, the following Church ministries and capital improvements: International Mission Trip to Oklahoma, Mid-High Youth Mission Trip, Imagine No Malaria (matching funds of other contributions), tutoring of African Nationals (English language), Lay Ministry Training, conference attendance for Church leadership Development (LCI Conference), guest musicians, special music concerts, purchase of new office furniture, upgrades to WIFI coverage within the church, stained window repair/restoration, purchase of new lawn care equipment, flowers and other plantings on Church grounds, neighborhood ministries (emergency funds assistance – utilities, gasoline, bus fare, etc.).

Several years ago a change was made in the distribution policy to entrust the Church Council with the portion of the total distribution associated with the Undesignated Fund, to be distributed through a "grant application process" for capital needs and various Church ministries. Last year's distribution associated with the Undesignated Fund totaled $178,189. Upon recommendation by the Foundation Board that a portion of that distribution be reserved for a future building campaign, the Council approved that $68,189 be set aside for that purpose and those funds were left in the Foundation's investment portfolio for future growth. The portion of this year's distribution associated with the Future Building Campaign Fund is

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$3,105, which will also be retained in the investment portfolio for additional growth. A similar recommendation to reserve a portion of this year's distribution for a future building campaign was also approved by the Council and $75,000 was set aside and will also remain in the investment portfolio for growth.

Each year the Foundation offers seminars or workshops felt to be of interest to St. Paul's members and others in the community. In October 2013, a Life Planning/Charitable Giving Seminar was presented. Kevin Gowdy, Executive Director of the Iowa United Methodist Foundation, presented information on bequests and how to have an income for life with a charitable gift annuity. Robin Mixdorf, President and CEO of the Meth-Wick Community, discussed strategies for living in place as you age, including simple adjustments in your own home, what services would be most helpful to stay at home and factors to consider when choosing a care community. Eleven individuals participated in this event.

Again this past year, the Foundation provided funding for a team of two Pastors and four Lay Leaders to attend the *Large Church Initiative Conference*, sponsored by the General Board of Discipleship of the UMC and held this year in Atlanta, Georgia. The theme for the conference was *Engaging All Generations*. Insights from the conference will be incorporated into the Church's ongoing Ministry Plan. Attendees of these conferences in the past two years have returned "energized" and because of that success, the Foundation plans to provide funds for a similar event in 2015.

Regular communication with church members is a high priority of the Board and is fulfilled through our quarterly newsletter, The Messenger, educational brochures, posters in elevators and in hallway display stands. Various information about the Foundation is always available in a display rack outside the Church Parlor. It is our hope that you find this information helpful. Also, if you have questions or would like specific information related to gifting to the Foundation, please contact Connie Richardson, Executive Director. Extensive information, including past issues of The Messenger and the Funds Summary booklet, is also available on the St. Paul's website under the "Foundation" tab.

In May 2014 scholarships totaling $15,150 were awarded to the following individuals:

Fran and Stan Richardson Scholarship ($1,000): Grace Ridnour
Dr. Mary Wilson Scholarship ($1,000): Jennifer Miller
St. Paul's General Scholarship ($1,000 each): Emily Arbore, Madelyn Carlson, Ashley Kupka, Hannah Lodge, Jennifer Miller, Grace Ridnour, Alissa Schmuecker
R. J. and Grace Noonan Scholarship ($500): Madelyn Carlson
St. Paul's Seminary Scholarship ($2,500): Kathryn Newhall
Leola Clark Scholarship ($450 each):
CR Jefferson High School - Nicholas O'Connell
CR Kennedy High School - Samantha Hunter
CR Metro High School - Bianca Taylor
CR Washington High School - Sophia Ochs
Linn Mar High School - Nicholas Redmond
Marion High School - Austin Priborsky
Prairie High School - James MacDougall

The John Wesley Heritage Society (JWHS) was established to honor and recognize individuals who have made current gifts or estate plans to support St. Paul's. The JWHS currently includes over 90 members and those still living provide leadership to others through their exemplary planning for the future and support for the long term financial health of the Church. The JWHS held its sixth annual luncheon at the Kirkwood Hotel on June 24, 2014. Approximately 55 individuals attended.

Since the Foundation's beginning in 1975, it has been blessed by the leadership of a dedicated Board of Directors, several of whom ended their service on December 31st. Diana Irvin and Joyce Johnson will have served six years, and we thank them for their service and contributions to the Board. I will also have served six years and ended my service at year's end. Individuals elected in the class of 2017 are Karla Twedt-Ball, Dean Beer and Dave Mahlke, all of whom will be new Board members, and Grace Noonan will be replacing Kevin Sanor, who resigned during the year from the Class of 2015. On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I thank you for your continuing strong support of your St. Paul's Foundation, which does so much to expand and enhance ministry within and outside the walls of St. Paul's. I would also like to extend personal thanks to Connie Richardson and Clarence Burton for their service to the Foundation.

In Christ's Service,

Ron Bunch, Foundation Board Chair